

REMARKS

Applicant requests entry of the following amendments and comments.

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner a pending application owned by the same Applicant, having some common inventorship, and pertaining to related subject matter: PCT application Serial No. PCT/GB2007000887, and its U.S. counterpart Serial No. 12/293,234, filed September 16, 2008.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication in the Office Action of August 5, 2009 that claims 52 and 53 contain allowable subject matter. Applicant has rewritten independent claims 26 and 38, and further added corresponding new independent claims that include the subject matter of allowable claims 52 and 53.

Applicant has rewritten claim 26 to include the elements of claim 52, and further cancelled claim 52.

Applicant has added new independent claim 54 that includes all the elements of the previous version of claim 26, but which further incorporates the elements of claim 53. Applicant has also added new dependent claims 55-66 that correspond to dependent claims 27-37 and 52.

Applicant has amended claim 38 to include the elements of claim 52. Applicant has added a new independent claim 67 that includes all the elements of the previous version of claim 38, but which further incorporates the elements of claim 53. Applicant has added new dependent claims 68-80 that correspond to dependent claims 39-45 and 47-51.

Applicant has amended claim 53 to provide correct antecedent basis.

CLOSING

Applicant has amended claims 26, 38 and 53; cancelled claims 52 and 46; and added claims 54-80. Applicant respectfully requests examination of pending claims 26-45, 47-51, and 53-80.

It should be understood that the above remarks are not intended to provide an exhaustive basis for patentability or concede any basis for rejections or objections in the Office Action. For those rejections based upon a combination of references and/or modification of references, there is no admission that the cited combinations are legally permitted, properly motivated, operable, or modifiable. Further, with regards to the various statements made in the Office Action concerning any prior art, the teachings of any prior art are to be interpreted under the law. Applicant makes no admissions as to any prior art. The remarks herein are provided simply to overcome the rejections and objections made in the Office Action in an expedient fashion.

The undersigned welcomes a telephonic interview with the Examiner if the Examiner believes that such an interview would facilitate resolution of any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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